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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento - Man Sentenced to 15 Years for Plotting San Francisco Attack

(U) A California man who told undercover agents that he wanted to carry out a Christmas Day 2017 bombing at a popular San Francisco tourist spot has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. US District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill issued the sentence yesterday, which came after 27-year-old Everitt Aaron Jameson of Modesto, California admitted under a plea deal in June 2018 that he tried to aid a terrorist organization. Jameson planned the attack during talks with undercover FBI agents, including one he thought was with the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Authorities said Jameson offered to carry out violent acts and provide money for the terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 6 August 2018, Associated Press

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico - Authorities Announce Arrests in Killings

(U) Juarez – Police in Ciudad Juarez have arrested eight people suspected in connection with the recent killing of 11 people at a home in the northern border city across from El Paso, Texas. The Juarez city government said yesterday in a statement that the eight suspects were arrested for drug crimes. But it added that they are believed to be implicated in the 3 August killings. Nearly 100 state security agents were deployed to the border city after the mass killing to reinforce local security. Authorities have previously speculated that the killings could have been the result of a dispute between criminal gangs. SOURCE: 6 August 2018, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – 2020 Census Could be a Prime Target for Hackers

(U) Washington – The Census Bureau is trying to quell concerns that it's not prepared to protect Americans' data from cyber intrusions when it conducts the first fully digital census in 2020. Kevin Smith, the Census Bureau's chief information officer, used a little-publicized quarterly meeting to explain how the agency is working with Homeland Security and using tools to safeguard the troves of information it will gather in the next population count.

SOURCE: 6 August 2018, Washington Post

(U) New York – Feds Indict Four in Alleged MS-13 Shooting

(U) Jamaica, Queens – Melvi Amador-Rios, 27, Santos Amador-Rios, 31, Yan Carlos Ramirez, 28, and Antonio Salvador, 30, were charged with assault, murder conspiracy, attempted murder in aid of racketeering and a related firearms offense, according to a statement released by the US attorney for the Eastern District of New York. The attack on a then-16-year-old took place in the early morning hours of 23 October 2017. The victim allegedly was targeted because MS-13 members believed him to be a member of a rival gang.

SOURCE: 6 August 2018, Queens Chronicle

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(U) New York - Narcotics Trafficking Scheme Disguised Cocaine as Children's Gifts

(U) Manhattan – Three men are facing numerous charges in connection to the alleged trafficking of narcotics disguised as children's gifts. Christopher Kelly, 51, Salvatore Capece, 63, and Robert Woolridge, 38, were scheduled to be arraigned yesterday. All three men are charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the first and third degrees and criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree. Kelly and Capece are also facing charges of the criminal sale of a controlled substance in the first degree. According to prosecutors, the arrests are a result of the alleged sale of two kilograms of cocaine nearing \$74,300 outside of a nail salon, where Kelly worked as a manager.

SOURCE: 6 August 2018, NBC New York

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Somalia – At Least 17 Killed in Al-Shabaab Car Bombings

(U) Mogadishu – A car bomb exploded along the main street of Mogadishu, killing at least five people and wounding several others. Police said a car bomb parked in front of a restaurant at the busy street had exploded. Militant group al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack on a website sympathetic to their cause. It was the second fatal attack al-Shabaab claimed, bringing the day's death toll to 17, excluding their own fighters. Earlier, at least 12 people were killed in a suicide car bombing southwest of Mogadishu. The attack hit the Afgoye district, claiming the lives of seven civilians and five police offers. At least 14 others were wounded.

SOURCE: 6 August 2018, Daily Sabah

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